

men to New Haven. Both express themselves as hopeful that there will be no strike.

### INEVITABLE END HAS BEEN REACHED.

"From present indications," said Mr. Fitzpatrick to-day, "it seems as if the inevitable confronts us. However, Mr. Wilkins and myself will go to every honorable and consistent with the rights of the employees to prevent trouble. I hoped that the meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday would lead to a settlement of the dispute. Concerning the reported action of the directors in upholding President Hall I have nothing to say."

It is probable that, when confronted directly with the alternative of receiving a joint committee or having the road tied up by a strike, President Hall will call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. He said to-day that he had not decided whether or not he would call such a meeting.

The question at issue between the road and the men is not so much one of wages and hours as it is of the right of the men to appoint their own committee when grievances are to be presented. They are trying to wipe out a system which the road inaugurated with the intention of preventing strikes.

This system divides the employees into many classes. In case of grievances committees from each class only can confer with the officers. As it is seldom that all the employees of a railroad have grievances at the same time, the New Haven road never has to deal with but a small proportion of its men who are dissatisfied. The employees have decided that the time has come for the establishment of the principle that an injury to one is the concern of all, and it is for this principle that they have been fighting thus far.

Although a schedule of demands has not been presented formally to President Hall, he has learned through his detectives what the men want. If a conference could be brought about it is believed that the request of the men for shorter hours, pay for overtime and some of the minor points would be favorably considered. President Hall has expressed himself as opposed to the placing of freight conductors in line for promotion to passenger runs.

The New Haven Citizens' Committee is a powerful organization, composed of the leading business men of the city. This committee settled the trolley strike in New Haven last fall, after the whole street railway system of the city had been tied up. Nathan W. Kendall, a wealthy brewer and an employer of hundreds of men, is at the head of the committee. A strike on the New Haven Railroad would result in practically tying up the business of New Haven, and the citizens are extremely anxious that an amicable settlement may be had.

**PRESIDENT HALL AN ECONOMIZER.**

President John M. Hall, of the New Haven road, upon whom will rest the responsibility of the strike if a strike is called, is not a practical railroad man. He is a lawyer by training and experience and has served as a Judge in Connecticut. His first connection with the New York, New Haven and Hartford came about in 1893, when he was elected vice-president to succeed Lucius Tuttle.

He was elected president in November, 1899, after a bitter contest between the New England stockholders on one side and J. Pierpont Morgan and William Rockefeller on the other. The Morgan-Rockefeller interests finally agreed to Mr. Hall's election as a compromise, after forcing an agreement that he would protect them.

President Hall is noted chiefly for the depth of his knowledge of methods of economy. As an expense reducer he is revered by the New England stockholders. He has made a close study of railroads from an economical standpoint, and travellers on the line agree that as a close cheese-parer he is an eminent success.

The men have the sympathy of the people of every town in New England through which the railroad passes. Although these people will be put to tremendous inconvenience, they will bear it with a semblance of cheerfulness so long as the railroad is getting its share of trouble. In discussing strike plans the employees have taken this feeling of hostility into consideration and they believe it will be a powerful factor in working for ultimate success.

Illustrative of President Hall's economical bent is his assertion that he has computed that if the demands of the men are granted it will mean an additional expense of more than \$500,000 a year. The stock pays 8 per cent.

## BURDICK DOCTOR ADMITS HE FAVORED SUICIDE THEORY.

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to go into the den and help papa? A. I did not.

Q. You loved your papa? A. Yes.

Q. And you didn't want to help him? A. No.

**Knew Something Had Happened.**

Q. Why not? A. Because I knew something dreadful had happened.

Q. How did you know that? A. From the way grandma looked.

Q. How did she look? A. She was white.

Q. Was she wringing her hands?

A. Yes. She seemed worried.

Q. Now, didn't you learn any more?

A. Yes, upstairs I asked grandma if he had turned on the gas. She said no.

Q. Then I asked if it was murder or suicide.

A. I don't know.

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Q. Did not you tell your mother before she went away that she was in the wrong? A. No.

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Q. You talked this thing over with your papa? A. Yes.

Q. And you sided with him. A. Yes.

**Wouldn't Talk of Divorce.**

Q. Now, who do you think was in the right in this divorce case? I don't care to answer that.

Q. When did you last see your father?

A. When he kissed me good-night in the hall.

Q. Where did he go? A. He went into his own room.

Q. You knew over a year ago your mother was making Pennell's name?

A. Yes. This is the first time Pennell's name has been mentioned at the inquest.

Q. Didn't you ask your mother if she didn't think it wrong to meet Pennell?

A. I did not.

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A. I did not.

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"Yes," replied the girl.

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Q. Did she tell you who she thought had killed him? A. No.

Q. Have you any idea who killed him? A. No.

Q. You knew of the trouble between your father and mother? A. Yes.

Q. And you sympathized with your father, didn't he was in the right? A. Not altogether.

Q. Who first told you he was dead? A. Grandma. I said to her, "Is he dead?" She said "Yes."

Q. Didn't you ask anything about how he died? A. No.

Q. You never asked a single thing? A. Not a single thing.

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**WOMEN FLOCKED TO SEE MRS. BURDICK.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

RUFFALO, March 15.—Anticipation of Mrs. Burdick's appearance on the witness-stand this afternoon brought an early and eager crowd to Judge Murphy's court-room, where the inquest into the murder of George W. Albemarle Clayton was held.

At 10 o'clock Mrs. Burdick appeared on the witness-stand, and was greeted by a large crowd of women who had gathered outside the courtroom.

She was dressed in a simple, dark dress, and her face was pale and weary. She looked directly at the judge and the jury, and then turned to the witness-stand.

She was questioned by the district attorney, and her answers were brief and to the point. She did not show any signs of emotion, and her demeanor was calm and composed.

After her testimony, she was questioned by the defense, and her answers were also brief and to the point. She did not show any signs of emotion, and her demeanor was calm and composed.

At the close of the day's proceedings, she was escorted from the courtroom by a group of women who had gathered outside. They were all dressed in dark, simple dresses, and they looked at Mrs. Burdick with sympathy and concern.

Mrs. Burdick's appearance on the witness-stand was a significant event in the trial, and it was widely reported in the local press. Her testimony was expected to be a key factor in the case, and her demeanor was closely watched by the judge and the jury.

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## MISS BROWNE AND WHITAKER WRIGHT SKETCHED IN UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S COURT TO-DAY.



Buffalo's great murder mystery was resumed.

Women auditors were more numerous than on the opening day, and they were given the front seats. It was a fashionable audience, lively, chatty, and well dressed, and altogether out of place with the dingy police court.

But it was disappointed, for at the last moment District-Attorney Coatsworth decided he would not place Mrs. Burdick on the stand this afternoon, though she and her mother and her daughter, Marion, had come to Police Headquarters.

**Dr. Marcy on the Stand.**

Dr. Marcy, who was summoned to the Burdick home by Mrs. Hull the morning Edwin L. Burdick's body was found, and who was accused by Medical Examiner Howland of having suggested that the case be reported as a suicide, was the first witness to-day.

At what time you were called to Burdick's on Feb. 27? Was the first question.

"About 8:15 o'clock," said the doctor.

Q. Did you ring the bell? A. I think not. Mrs. Hull opened the door for me.

Q. What did she say? A. I think she said the front door had been found open.

Q. Did she say anything about the kitchen window open and Mr. Burdick not occupied his bed, and she feared something had happened to him.

Q. Did she say where he was? A. I think she said she had opened the door of the den and called him and he did not answer.

Q. What did she say that made you go to the den? A. I can't recall clearly, but she spoke of having opened the door and called and having seen the pillows piled up on the couch.

Q. Did she say Mr. Burdick was sick? A. No, sir.

Q. From the conversation you assumed the den was the place to look for his body? A. Well, I went in there and found him.

Q. Did she give you any inkling that she knew something had happened to him? A. No, sir.

Q. What was her condition at the time she spoke to you? A. I was not observing.

Q. When had you last been to the house prior to this day? A. In January.

Q. Did she have medicine for a long time back not to induce sleep, but to quiet her nerves. I gave her bromide.

Q. How did you find the body?

Dr. Marcy described how he found Burdick's body.

Q. Did you see a pool of blood beneath the couch? A. Yes, I saw a pool of blood.

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Q. Didn't the word suicide occur? A. Yes, that time. When I went into the kitchen, where Dr. Howland looked for the body. When he telephoned for the police and we went into the parlor.

**His Suggestion of Suicide.**

Q. Did you then speak of suicide? A. Yes, I asked him his theory of the death, and as well as I can recollect I asked him whether there was any possibility of his being suicide, and I suggested that it would be a great deal better for Burdick's memory if it appeared as a case of suicide rather than murder.

Q. Do you think so now? A. Well, that was the thought that came to me then, and I suggested it to Dr. Howland.

**Questions About Mrs. Hull.**

Q. Were you present when the police took Mrs. Hull's statement? A. I was.

Q. What was her manner? A. She was very nervous. Either her recollection of the death, and as well as I can recollect I asked him whether there was any possibility of his being suicide, and I suggested that it would be a great deal better for Burdick's memory if it appeared as a case of suicide rather than murder.

Q. Did you object to some of the questions asked her? A. Only when they went to the divorce case. Then I said it would be better if Mr. Miller, Mrs. Burdick's attorney, was consulted about that matter. I thought it better it should come from him than from the mother-in-law. In fact, I did not think she knew anything about the divorce.

Q. The District-Attorney then came back to the suggestion about suicide.

Q. When you put your hand on his head did you think he might have committed suicide? A. I told Mr. Shum I thought he had been killed.

Q. Would a suicide have wrapped his body up in the way you found Burdick?

A. Hardly.

Q. Then why did you talk of suicide to Dr. Howland? A. I was thinking of saying to the jury that on an ugly scandal.

Q. Dr. Marcy's frankness disconcerted the District-Attorney and he was excused without having added a point to the investigation.

Kate Koenig, the Burdicks' housemaid, was sworn.

The girl proved a disappointing witness for the auditors, as she gave her answers in a faint whisper. Her recollection of the discovery of the open door and window and her sharing with Mrs. Murray the suspicion that Burdick had been in the house was feeble.

District-Attorney Coatsworth tried to clear up Mrs. Hull's or Maggie Murray told the correct version of the case.

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